

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A terpene-free cleaning composition comprising:
(a) a C₁₋₄ alkyl ester of a C₆₋₂₂ saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid;
and
(b) a cyclic ketone, wherein (a) and (b) are employed at a ratio by weight of from about 10:1 to about 1:10.
2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the C₁₋₄ alkyl ester of a C₆₋₂₂ saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid is a C₆₋₁₄ methyl ester.
3. The composition of claim 1 wherein the C₁₋₄ alkyl ester of a C₆₋₂₂ saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid is a C₈₋₁₀ methyl ester.
4. The composition of claim 1 wherein the cyclic ketone is cyclohexanone.
5. The composition of claim 1 wherein (a) and (b) are employed at a ratio by weight of about 2:1.
6. The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition is free of nonionic surfactant.
7. A process for removing a coating from a substrate comprising contacting the coating with the composition of claim 1.
8. The process of claim 7 wherein the coating has a polymer matrix.
9. A terpene-free cleaning composition comprising:
(a) from about 2 to about 12% by weight of an oil-soluble anionic surfactant;
(b) from about 0.2 to about 6% by weight of a water-soluble anionic surfactant;

(c) from about 3 to about 96% by weight of a primary solvent consisting of a C₁₋₄ alkyl ester of a C₆₋₂₂ saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid;

(d) from about 2 to about 14% by weight of a short-chain cosurfactant;
and

(e) remainder, water, all weights being based on the total weight of the composition.

10. The composition of claim 9 wherein the oil-soluble anionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of amine salts of dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid, calcium salts of dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid, phosphate esters and mixtures thereof.

11. The composition of claim 9 wherein the oil-soluble anionic surfactant is the isopropylamine salt of dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid.

12. The composition of claim 9 wherein the oil-soluble anionic surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 6 to about 8% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

13. The composition of claim 9 wherein the water-soluble anionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal salts of fatty acids, organic base salts of fatty acids, alkyl sulfates, alkyl ether sulfates, alkyl aromatic sulfonates, alkyl sulfonates, alpha olefin sulfonates, sulfosuccinates, and mixtures thereof.

14. The composition of claim 9 wherein the water-soluble anionic surfactant is C₈₋₁₄ fatty alcohol sulfate.

15. The composition of claim 9 wherein the water-soluble anionic surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 1 to about 2% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
16. The composition of claim 9 wherein the primary solvent is a C₈-C₁₀ methyl ester.
17. The composition of claim 9 wherein the primary solvent is present in the composition in an amount of from about 40 to about 50% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
18. The composition of claim 9 wherein the short-chain cosurfactant is selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₆ alcohols, glycols, glycol ethers, pyrrolidones, glycol ether esters, and mixtures thereof.
19. The composition of claim 9 wherein the short-chain cosurfactant is propylene glycol n-butyl ether.
20. The composition of claim 9 wherein the short-chain cosurfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 8 to about 10% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
21. The composition of claim 9 wherein the composition has a pH value of less than about 9.
22. The composition of claim 9 wherein the composition has a thermal stability ranging from about 10 to about 70°C.
23. The composition of claim 9 wherein the primary solvent and water are present in the composition in a ratio by weight ranging from about 50:1 to about 1:4.

24. The composition of claim 9 wherein the primary solvent and water are present in the composition in a ratio by weight of about 1.5:1.
25. The composition of claim 9 further comprising a cyclic ketone.
26. The composition of claim 25 wherein the cyclic ketone is cyclohexanone.
27. The composition of claim 25 wherein the cyclic ketone is present in the composition in an amount of from about 1 to about 35% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
28. The composition of claim 25 wherein the cyclic ketone is present in the composition in an amount of from about 10 to about 20% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
29. The composition of claim 25 wherein the primary solvent and cyclic ketone are present in the composition in a ratio by weight of from about 10:1 to about 1:10.
30. The composition of claim 25 wherein the primary solvent and cyclic ketone are present in the composition in ratio by weight of about 2:1.
31. The composition of claim 9 wherein the composition is free of nonionic surfactant.
32. A terpene-free cleaning composition comprising:
- (a) from about 6 to about 8% by weight of an isopropylamine salt of dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid.
 - (b) from about 1 to about 2% by weight of a C₁₂₋₁₄ fatty alcohol sulfate;
 - (c) from about 40 to about 50% by weight of a primary solvent consisting of a C₈-C₁₀ methyl ester;

(d) from about 8 to about 10% by weight of a propylene glycol n-butyl ether and

(e) remainder, water, all weights being based on the total weight of the composition, and wherein the primary solvent and water are present in the composition in a ratio by weight of about 1.5:1.

33. The composition of claim 32 further comprising from about 1 to about 35% by weight of a cyclic ketone.

34. The composition of claim 33 wherein the cyclic ketone is cyclohexanone.

35. The composition of claim 32 wherein the composition is free of nonionic surfactant.